

Dear Mom & Dad,

I haven't been writing much because there has been a lot of things to do for work and I have been busy some evenings. This is the time of year for presentations to get more money in FY 75 which starts July 1. I talked about my program today ~~to~~ and have three more talks this week and next. Our main problem is spending the money we have by July 1. There is a hiring freeze on now and we don't have enough people to do the work for which we have money.

It doesn't look as if we will be going to Hawaii. The people at fleet headquarters can't decide what type of person they want or even if anyone should come at all. I guess I will have to settle for occasional trips every three months or so! We are going to start looking for a place nearer the laboratory. Vickie doesn't care for her school and there isn't enough advantage in living in Fredericksburg to justify the long drive every day. It's not much farther to Washington from Dahlgren and we know a lot of people out there. It will be difficult to find a place, however.

We still have hopes of coming out in April, but it will be a last minute decision due to my schedule. It seems like a long time since we have been in Bellevue.

We played tennis Saturday & Sunday mornings but then it turned cold and there is a chance of snow flurries! The weather is extremely variable in March but will turn warm for the summer by mid-April. We have a nice fire going and I am waiting for the basketball game to <sup>start</sup> Vickie, appreciates the dress you sent, but unfortunately <sup>it</sup> is a little too risqué to wear to school! It is all right though since the teachers have been exempted from dressing up.

We hope Mary is getting along O.K. We are anxious to see everyone and hope it will be soon!

John & Vickie

P.S. If we don't come in April we definitely will in the summer.